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THE GOLD (CONTROL) ORDINANCE, 1968

No. 6 of 1968

Promulgated by the President in the Nineteenth Year of the Republic of India.

An Ordinance to provide, in the economic and financial interests of the community, for the control of the production, manufacture, supply, distribution use and possession of, and business in gold, ornaments and articles of gold and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Whereas Parliament is not in session and the President is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action;

Now, Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 123 of the Constitu-

tion, the President is pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance:—

CHAPTER I

Preliminary

1. Short title, extent, application and commencement. — (1) This Ordinance may be called the Gold (Control) Ordinance, 1968.

(2) It extends to the whole of India.

(3) It also applies to the citizens of India outside India.

(4) It shall come into force at once.

2. Definitions. — In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, —

(a) "Administrator" means the Administrator appointed under section 4;

(b) "article" means any thing (other than ornament) in a finished form made of, manufactured from or containing, gold, and includes —

(i) any gold coin,

(ii) broken pieces of an article,

but does not include primary gold;

(c) "artisan" means a person (other than a certified goldsmith) who is employed by a licensed dealer, whether on cash or deferred payment or on commission, remuneration or other valuable consideration, to make, manufacture, prepare, repair, polish or process any article or ornament or to melt, process or convert gold for the purpose of making, manufacturing, preparing, repairing or processing any article or ornament;

(d) "certified goldsmith" means a person who holds a valid certificate, referred to in section 40, recognizing him as a goldsmith;

(e) "coin" means a thing which is stamped and issued by or on behalf of Government or by any other authority in exercise of its sovereign power in order to be used for the time being as money, whether such coin is a current coin or not;

(f) "commencement of Part XIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962" means the day on which that Part was initially inserted into the

Defence of India Rules, 1962, that is to say, the tenth day of January, 1963;

(g) "company" means a company as defined in section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956 and includes a foreign company as defined in section 591 of the said Act; 1 of 1956.

(h) "dealer" means any person who carries on, directly or otherwise, the business of making, manufacturing, preparing, repairing, polishing, buying, selling, supplying, distributing, melting, processing or converting, gold, whether for cash or for deferred payment or for commission, remuneration or other valuable consideration, and includes —

(i) a Hindu undivided family which carries on such business;

(ii) a local authority, company, society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, co-operative society incorporated under any law with respect to co-operative societies, club or firm or other association of persons which carries on such business, or — 21 of 1860.

(a) buys or accepts gold (for the purpose of making ornaments) from,

(b) makes, manufactures, prepares, repairs or polishes ornaments for,

(c) processes, melts or converts gold (for the purpose of making ornaments) for,

(d) sells, supplies or distributes ornaments or other gold (for the purpose of making ornaments) to,

its members;

(iii) a commission agent, broker, *del credere* agent, auctioneer or other mercantile agent, by whatever name called, who carries on such business on behalf of any principal,

but does not include the Reserve Bank of India, the State Bank of India, any subsidiary bank as defined in clause (k) of section 2 of the State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959, or any banking company as defined in clause (c) of section 5 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, in so far as such bank sells or transfers or exhibits for sale or transfer any gold. 38 of 1959. 10 of 1949.

Explanation. — For the purposes of this Ordinance —

(a) every person who acts as an agent of a dealer residing outside India and carries on the business of such dealer in India or acts on behalf of such dealer as —

(i) a mercantile agent as defined in the Sale of Goods Act, 1930, or 3 of 1930.

(ii) an agent for handling gold or documents of title relating to gold, or

(iii) an agent for the collection or payment of sale price of gold or as a guarantor for such collection or payment; and

(b) every branch in India of a firm or company having its registered office outside India, shall be deemed to be a dealer;

(i) "declaration" means a declaration which is required by this Ordinance or was required by rule 126-I of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, to be made with regard to the ownership, possession, custody or control of gold;

(j) "gold" means gold, including its alloy (whether virgin, melted or re-melted, wrought or unwrought), in any shape or form, of a purity of not less than nine carats and includes primary gold, article and ornament;

(k) "gold coin" means a coin made of gold of any purity, whether such purity exceeds nine carats or not;

(l) "Gold Control Officer" means a Gold Control Officer appointed under section 4;

(m) "licensed dealer" means a dealer who holds a valid licence granted under section 28 authorising him to carry on business as a dealer;

(n) "licensed refiner" means a refiner who holds a valid licence granted under section 18 authorising him to carry on business as a refiner;

(o) "notification" means a notification published in the Official Gazette;

(p) "ornament" means a thing in a finished form, meant for personal adornment or for the adornment of any idol, deity or any other object of religious worship, made of, or manufactured from, gold, whether or not set with stones or gems (real or artificial), or with pearls (real, cultured or imitation) or with all or any of them and includes pears, pendants or broken pieces of ornament.

Explanation. — For the purposes of this Ordinance, nothing made of gold, which resembles an ornament, shall be deemed to be an ornament unless the thing (having regard to its purity, size weight, description or workmanship) is such as is commonly used as ornament in any State or Union Territory;

(q) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Ordinance and, until any rule is made in relation to any matter, by any notification or made or any direction issued under the provisions of Part XILA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, provided that such notification, order or direction is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance;

(r) "primary gold" means gold in any unfinished or semifinished form and includes ingots, bars, blocks, slabs, billets, shots, pellets, rods, sheets, foils and wires;

(s) "refiner" means a person who, being the owner, lessee or occupier of a refinery, is engaged in the business of melting, assaying, refining, alloying or extracting gold from any ore, salt or chemicals or subjecting it to any other process;

(t) "refinery" means a place where gold is melted, assayed, refined, alloyed or extracted from any ore, salt or chemicals or subjected to any other process for the purpose of making primary gold and includes a place where gold is assayed at the request of any dealer or other person, whether for the purpose of making primary gold or not, but does not include a place where gold is melted, alloyed or subjected to any other process by a licensed dealer or his artisan or a certified goldsmith for the purpose of making, manufacturing, pre-

paring, repairing, polishing or processing any article or ornament;

(u) "standard gold bar" means primary gold of such fineness, dimensions, weight and description and containing such particulars as may be prescribed.

(v) "value", in relation to primary gold, article or ornament, means,—

(i) when the gold is seized under this Ordinance, the market price of such gold as on the date of the seizure thereof,

(ii) when the gold is not available for seizure, the market price of such gold as on the date on which the notice referred to in section 80 is issued.

Explanation. — "market price",—

(i) in relation to gold seized, means the price at which such gold is ordinarily sold or offered for sale at, or near to, the place of seizure; and

(ii) in relation to any other gold, means the price at which such gold is ordinarily sold or offered for sale at the place where the offence in relation to that gold is detected.

3. Ordinance not to apply to gold belonging to Government or the Reserve Bank.—Nothing in this Ordinance shall apply to, or in relation to,—

(a) any gold belonging to, or in the possession, custody or control of, Government or the Reserve Bank of India,

(b) any melting, assaying, refining, alloying or extracting of gold done by Government in any refinery owned or occupied by it, for the purpose of making or manufacturing primary gold for its own use or for the use of the Reserve Bank of India, or

(c) any business of a dealer carried on by Government.

CHAPTER II

Administrator and Gold Control Officers

4. Appointment and functions of Administrator and Gold Control Officers.—(1) The Central Government shall, by notification, appoint an Administrator for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Central Government may, by notification, appoint as many persons as it thinks fit to be Gold Control Officers for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this Ordinance.

(3) The Administrator shall discharge his functions subject to the general control and directions of the Central Government.

(4) The Administrator may authorise such person as he thinks fit to also exercise all or any of the powers exercisable by him under this Ordinance and different persons may be authorised to exercise different powers.

(5) Subject to any general or special direction given or condition imposed by the Administrator, any person authorised by the Administrator to exercise any powers may exercise those powers in the same manner and with the same effect as if they had been conferred on that person directly by this Ordinance and not by way of authorisation.

(6) The Administrator may also—

(a) perform all or any of the functions of, and

(b) exercise all or any of the powers conferred by this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder on,

any officer lower in rank than himself.

(7) A Gold Control Officer shall, subject to such limitations, restrictions and conditions as the Central Government may think fit to impose, exercise such powers and discharge such functions as are specified or conferred, as the case may be, by or under this Ordinance.

5. Power of Administrator to issue directions and orders.—(1) The Administrator may, if he thinks fit, make orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) The Administrator may, so far as it appears to him to be necessary or expedient for carrying out the provisions of this Ordinance, by order—

(a) regulate the price at which any gold may be bought or sold, and

(b) regulate by licences, permits or otherwise, the manufacture, distribution, transport, acquisition, possession, transfer, disposal, use or consumption of gold.

6. Power of Administrator to call for return as to receipt or sale of hypothecated gold.—(1) The Administrator may, if he is of opinion that it is necessary in the public interest so to do, require any person who lends or advances money on the hypothecation, pledge, mortgage or charge of any article or ornament to make to him, in such form and within such time as may be specified, a return as to the receipt, delivery or sale of such article or ornament and as to the persons from whom they were received or, as the case may be, to whom they were delivered or sold;

(2) The Administrator may by order authorise any Gold Control Officer to examine the accounts relating to the receipt, delivery or sale of any gold, of any person who advances any money on the hypothecation, pledge, mortgage or charge of any article or ornament and if any gold is found in the possession of such person which is not entered in such accounts or which is in excess of the quantity shown in such accounts, and which is not otherwise accounted for to the satisfaction of such officer, such gold shall be deemed to be in the possession of such person in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance.

7. Administrator, etc., to be public servants.—The Administrator, a Gold Control Officer and any person authorised by the Administrator or the Central Government and performing any functions under this Ordinance, shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of section 21 of the Indian Penal Code. 45 of 1860

8. Central Government may perform functions and exercise powers of Administrator.—The Central Government may also perform all or any of the func-

tions of the Administrator and may also, by notification, exercise all or any of the powers conferred by this Ordinance on the Administrator if that Government is of opinion that it is necessary or expedient in the public interest so to do.

CHAPTER III

Restrictions relating to the manufacture, acquisition, possession, sale, transfer or delivery of Gold

9. Restrictions regarding acquisition, possession and disposal of gold.— (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no person shall—

- (i) own or have in his possession, custody or control, or
 - (ii) acquire or agree to acquire the ownership, possession, custody or control of, or
 - (iii) buy, accept or otherwise receive or agree to buy, accept or otherwise receive,
- any primary gold.

(2) A person—

(a) may, subject to the provisions of section 17.—

(i) acquire or agree to acquire the ownership, possession, custody or control of, or

(ii) buy, accept or otherwise receive or agree to buy, accept or otherwise receive, or

(iii) sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any ornament which is not required to be included in a declaration;

(b) shall not,—

(i) acquire or agree to acquire the ownership, possession, custody or control of, or

(ii) buy, accept or otherwise receive, or agree to buy, accept, buy or otherwise receive, or

(iii) sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or agree to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of,

any ornament which is required to be included in a declaration unless such ornament has been included in a declaration which has been duly made by the person who intends to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of such ornament.

(3) Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no person, other than a licensed dealer or refiner, shall—

(a) acquire, or agree to acquire, the ownership, possession, custody or control of, or

(b) buy, accept or otherwise receive, or agree to buy, accept or otherwise receive,

any article, except by succession, intestate or testamentary.

(4) Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no person shall sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or agree to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any article to a person who is not a licensed dealer or refiner:

Provided that a person may deliver an article to a certified goldsmith for the purpose of getting one or more ornaments made, manufactured or prepared therefrom:

Provided further that no such sale, delivery, transfer or disposal of any article shall be made—

(i) where such article is required to be included in a declaration unless such article has been included in a declaration by the person who intends to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of the same, or

(ii) where such article is not required to be included in a declaration, unless the sale, delivery, transfer or disposal thereof has been authorised by the Administrator.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-sections (3) and (4), a person may accept or transfer, by way of gift or exchange, gold coins, not exceeding five in number, if, together with the gold coins received by way of gift or exchange, the total holding of gold coins of the donee or transferee, as the case may be, does not exceed fifty grammes.

(6) Notwithstanding anything contained in this section, the Administrator may, if he is of opinion that the special circumstances of any case or class of cases so require, authorise any person or class of persons to buy or otherwise acquire, accept, or otherwise receive, or sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any primary gold or article.

10. Restrictions on the disposal of gold acquired under any authorisation made by the Administrator.

— (1) Every person who acquires gold under any authorisation made by the Administrator shall observe such conditions and be subject to such restrictions as may be specified therein and shall furnish to the Administrator an account of such gold, if so required by the Administrator.

(2) No person receiving, accepting, buying or otherwise acquiring gold in accordance with any authorisation made by the Administrator shall—

(i) sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or agree to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or

(ii) expose or offer for sale, delivery, transfer, or disposal of such gold,

except in accordance with such authorisation.

11. Loans not to be obtained on hypothecation of primary gold or undeclared gold.— No person shall obtain from any other person any loan or advance on the hypothecation, pledge, mortgage or charge of—

(a) any primary gold, or

(b) any article or ornament which is required to be included in a declaration unless such article or ornament has been so included:

Provided that, in the case of an article which is not required to be included in a declaration, no transfer or delivery thereof shall be made unless such transfer or delivery has been authorised by the Administrator.

12. Prohibition regarding making, manufacturing, etc., of primary gold, articles, ornaments, etc.— (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no person shall—

(a) make, manufacture, prepare or process any primary gold, or

(b) make, manufacture, prepare, repair, polish or process any ornament, or

(c) make, manufacture, prepare, repair, polish or process any article, or

(d) make, manufacture or prepare anything containing, gold of any purity, whether such purity exceeds nine carats or not, or

(e) melt, assay, refine, alloy or extract gold of any purity, whether such purity exceeds nine carats or not, or subject such gold to any other process,

unless he is authorised so to do by the Administrator.

(2) Every authorisation made under sub-section (1) shall be subject to such conditions (including conditions as to the payment of any fee or charges of supervision) and restrictions as may be specified therein.

CHAPTER IV

Possession of gold by public religious institutions

13. Ban on possession of primary gold when not to apply to primary gold which forms a part of structure, etc., of public religious institutions.— Nothing in clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 9 shall apply to any primary gold which forms part of any structure or any other construction or appendage within the precincts of a temple, church, mosque, gurdwara or any other place of public religious worship if such primary gold has been included in a declaration.

14. Disposal of gold received as offering.— Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, a public religious institution may receive gold as offerings:

Provided that —

(a) where any article is received by such institution, as an offering, such article may be —

- (i) kept by such institution for its use, or
- (ii) sold to a licensed dealer or refiner, or
- (iii) converted into ornaments for the deity or idol, or

(iv) converted, with the previous permission of the Administrator, into any new article which may be required for worship in the institution or for use in, or decoration of, the structure, other construction or appendage within the precincts of the institution;

(b) where any primary gold is received by such institution, as an offering, the institution shall dispose of such primary gold by —

(i) converting the same, with the previous permission of the Administrator, into ornaments for the deity or idol, or into new articles which may be required for worship in the institution or for use in, or decoration of, the structure or other construction or appendage within the precincts of the institution or

(ii) selling the same to such licensed dealer or refiner as may be specified, and under such conditions, limitations and restrictions as may be imposed, by the Administrator.

15. Submission of monthly accounts.— Without prejudice to the provisions of Chapter V, every pub-

lic religious institution shall submit, in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed to the Administrator monthly accounts of gold received by it as offerings and disposed of by it.

16. Responsibility of the person in charge of the institution.— The person in charge of the management of any public religious institution shall be responsible for anything done or omitted to be done by such institution in relation to any gold.

CHAPTER V

Declarations

17. Declarations as to articles or ornaments.— (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Chapter, every person who owns, or is in possession, custody or control of, any article or ornament at the commencement of this Ordinance, or acquires the ownership, possession, custody or control of any article or ornament thereafter, shall make, within thirty days from such commencement or from such acquisition, as the case may be, or within such further period as the Administrator may, on sufficient cause being shown, allow, a declaration in the prescribed form as to the quantity, description and other prescribed particulars of any article, or ornament, or both, owned, possessed, held or controlled by him:

Provided that no such declaration shall be required to be made where a person who, having owned, possessed, held or controlled any article or ornament before the commencement of this Ordinance, has already made a declaration in relation to that article, or ornament, or both:

Provided further that nothing in this sub-section shall be construed as enabling any declaration to be made in respect of any gold for which the period prescribed or allowed under the law in force immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance had expired before such commencement.

(2) For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that the declaration referred to in this section shall be made, in relation to any article, or ornament, or both, —

(a) owned by a minor or a lunatic, by the guardian or manager of such minor or lunatic, as the case may be;

(b) owned by an idol or a deity, by the manager of such idol or deity, whether known as shebait or manager or by any other name;

(c) owned, possessed, held or controlled by a person whose properties are under the management of any administrator or receiver, by such administrator or receiver;

(d) owned, possessed, held or controlled by a person whose properties are under the management of a Court of Wards, by the manager of such Court;

(e) vested in an executor or an administrator of a will or other testamentary disposition, by such executor or administrator;

(f) owned, possessed, held or controlled by the members of a firm, by any partner of such firm;

(g) owned, possessed, held or controlled by a Hindu undivided family, by the head or karta of such family;

(h) which is the subject matter of any public or private trust, by the trustee of such trust;

(i) owned, possessed, held or controlled by a company, whether incorporated in or outside India, by any person in charge of the management of the affairs of such company;

(j) belonging to a temple, church, mosque, gurdwara or any other religious institution, by the person in charge of the management of such temple, church, mosque, gurdwara or other religious institution;

(k) which is wakf property, by the mutawalli of such wakf;

(l) owned, possessed, held or controlled by any society, club or other association, by the secretary or manager of such society, club or other association;

(m) owned, possessed, held or controlled by any other person, by such person as may be prescribed.

(3) If any person who did not own, possess, hold or control, before the commencement of this Ordinance, any quantity of gold in excess of the quantities specified in sub-section (5), acquires, after such commencement, the ownership (whether by succession, intestate or testamentary or otherwise), possession, custody or control of any gold and if as a result of such acquisition the total quantity of gold owned, possessed, held or controlled by such person exceeds the quantities specified in sub-section (5), such person shall, within thirty days from the date of such acquisition or within such further period as the Administrator may, on sufficient cause being shown, allow, make a declaration in the prescribed form stating the total quantity, description and other prescribed particulars of —

(a) the gold owned, possessed, held or controlled by him immediately after such acquisition, and

(b) the person from whom the ownership, possession, custody or control of such gold was acquired.

(4) If any person who has made a declaration, whether under sub-section (1) or under sub-section (3) or under Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, as to gold owned, possessed, held or controlled by him, acquires (whether by succession, intestate or testamentary or otherwise), or parts with, after such declaration, the ownership, possession, custody or control of any quantity of gold, he shall, as often as he acquires or parts with the ownership, possession, custody or control of any quantity of gold, make, within thirty days from the date of such acquisition or parting with, or within such further period as the Administrator may, on sufficient cause being shown, allow, a further declaration in the prescribed form stating the quantity, description and other prescribed particulars of the gold in relation to which such ownership, possession, custody or control has been acquired or parted with by him and giving the prescribed particulars of the person from whom the ownership, possession, custody or control of such gold was acquired or in whose favour the ownership, possession, custody or control of such gold was parted with, as the case may be.

(5) No declaration referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (3) shall be required to be made, —

(a) in relation to articles, unless the total weight of articles owned, possessed, held or controlled by, —

(i) a minor, who is not a member of a family, exceeds twenty grammes;

(ii) an individual (other than a minor), who is not a member of a family, exceeds fifty grammes;

(iii) a family, exceeds fifty grammes;

(iv) any person referred to in clause (b) to (f) and (h) to (m) of sub-section (2), exceeds fifty grammes;

(b) in relation to ornaments, or both articles and ornaments, where both articles and ornaments are owned, possessed, held or controlled, unless the total weight of such ornaments or both articles and ornaments, as the case may be, owned, possessed, held or controlled by —

(i) a minor, who is not a member of a family, exceeds eight hundred grammes,

(ii) an individual (other than a minor) who is not a member of a family, exceeds two thousand grammes,

(iii) a family, exceeds four thousand grammes:

Provided that where the composition of a family is such that if the quantities specified in sub-clauses (i) and (ii) are taken into account in relation to any ornament, or both article and ornament owned, possessed, held or controlled by each individual member of such family, the aggregate of such quantities would be less than four thousand grammes but more than the aggregate of the quantities specified in those sub-clauses, then, such family shall be required to make a declaration under sub-section (1) or sub-section (3), as the case may be, notwithstanding that the aggregate of the ornaments, or both articles and ornaments, owned, possessed, held or controlled by the members of such family does not exceed four thousand grammes.

(c) in relation to any ornaments, or both articles and ornaments, owned, possessed, held or controlled by any person referred to in clauses (b) to (f) and (h) to (m) of sub-section (2), unless the total weight of such ornaments, or both articles and ornaments exceeds two thousand grammes.

(6) For the purposes of this section, "family" shall be deemed to consist of —

(i) the husband, wife and one or more minor children, or

(ii) any two or more of them,

but shall not be deemed to include any other person.

(7) Every licensed dealer or refiner shall make a declaration or further declaration, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this section in relation to any gold owned, possessed, held or controlled by him in any capacity other than the capacity of a licensed dealer or refiner and the provisions of sub-section (5) shall not apply to such gold.

Explanation. — Where the licensed dealer or refiner is a company or other body corporate or a firm, the declaration in respect of gold owned, possessed, held or controlled by it in any capacity, other than

the capacity of a licensed dealer or refiner, shall also be made by a director of such company or body corporate or, as the case may be, by a partner of such firm.

(8) Every declaration made under this section shall be made in triplicate, of which one copy shall be authenticated and signed by the Gold Control Officer and thereafter shall be returned to the person making the declaration and the copy so returned shall be retained by such person as evidence of the declaration made by him under this section.

(9) Every declaration made under this section shall be kept by the Gold Control Officer in safe custody and the particulars thereof shall be entered in a register to be maintained for this purpose.

(10) A person who has made a declaration shall, as often as he acquires or parts with, after such declaration the ownership, possession, custody or control of any quantity of gold, endorse such acquisition, or parting with, of gold, in such manner as may be prescribed, on the copy of the declaration retained by him, and shall also produce such copy, within seven days from the date of such endorsement, before the Gold Control Officer, who shall make necessary changes in the register referred to in sub-section (9) and also in the copy of the declaration kept in his safe custody.

(11) No person shall own or have in his possession, custody or control any quantity of gold which is required to be included in a declaration unless such gold has been included in a declaration or further declaration, as the case may be:

Provided that nothing in this sub-section shall apply until the expiry of the period within which a person is entitled to make a declaration or further declaration.

(12) A person upon whom a penalty has been imposed or whose gold has been confiscated under the provisions of Chapter XIII for failure to make a declaration shall, if so directed by the authority adjudging the penalty or confiscation, make a declaration within such time as may be specified in the direction.

CHAPTER VI

Refiners

18. Licensing of refiners. — (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no person shall either establish a refinery or carry on business as a refiner unless he holds a valid licence issued in this behalf by the Administrator.

(2) A licence issued under this section, —

- (a) shall be in such form as may be prescribed,
- (b) shall be valid for such period as may be specified therein,
- (c) may be renewed, from time to time, and
- (d) may contain such conditions, limitations and restrictions as the Administrator may think fit to impose and different conditions, limitations and restrictions may be imposed for different classes of refiners.

(3) Every licence issued under Part XHIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, authorising the establishment of a refinery or carrying on of business as

a refiner, shall, if in force immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance, continue to be in force until the expiry of the period of its validity or until the cancellation thereof, whichever is earlier.

(4) A person who holds, at the commencement of this Ordinance, a valid licence authorising him to establish a refinery or to carry on business as a refiner shall, if he intends to continue such business after the expiry of the period of validity of such licence, make, at least one month before the expiry of such period, an application (in such form and on payment of such fees, not exceeding one hundred rupees, as may be prescribed) for the renewal of such licence.

(5) A person who intends to establish or commence, after the commencement of this Ordinance, a refinery or business as a refiner, shall make an application (in such form and on payment of such fees, not exceeding one hundred rupees, as may be prescribed) for the issue of a licence.

(6) On receipt of an application for the issue or renewal of a licence under this section, the Administrator may, after making such inquiry, if any, as he may consider necessary, by order in writing, either issue or renew the licence, or reject the application for the same:

Provided that no licence shall be issued or renewed under this section unless the Administrator, having regard to the following matters, is satisfied that the licence should be issued or renewed, namely: —

(a) the number of refineries existing in the region in which the applicant intends to carry on business as a refiner,

(b) the anticipated demand, as estimated by him, for refining facilities in that region,

(c) the facilities existing in that region for the assay of gold by any method other than the touch-stone method,

(d) the turnover of the applicant, if he is already carrying on business as a refiner, during two years immediately preceding the date of application for the renewal of the licence,

(e) the suitability and security of the premises where the applicant intends to carry on business as refiner, and the existence therein of arrangements for the storage of gold before and after refining,

(f) the existence or the probability of existence in the refinery or the proposed refinery, as the case may be, of equipment for the manufacture of standard gold bars and the quality and adequacy of such equipment,

(g) the technical competence of the applicant to manufacture standard gold bars,

(h) the existence of facilities in the refinery for the exercise of supervision and control by the Administrator, or any other person authorised by him in this behalf,

(i) the existence of any refinery established or run by Government,

(j) the suitability of the applicant,

(k) the public interest, and

(l) such other matters as may be prescribed.

(7) Any person to whom a licence has been issued or renewed under this section shall comply with the

provisions of every law, rule, regulation or bye-law for the time being in force relating to refineries.

(8) A person to whom a licence to carry on business as a refiner is issued under this section shall not carry on business as such refiner in the same premises in which he or any other person carries on business, whether as a dealer or otherwise or as a money-lender or banker who lends or advances money on the hypothecation, pledge, mortgage or charge of any gold.

(9) Every licensed refiner shall ensure that every person employed by him in the refinery complies, in the course of such employment, with the provisions of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder and of any other law relating to gold or foreign exchange for the time being in force.

19. Refiner to make standard gold bars only. —

(1) A licensed refiner may make or manufacture standard gold bars but shall not, unless authorised by the Administrator so to do, make, manufacture or prepare primary gold in any other form:

Provided that such refiner may, in the process of manufacturing standard gold bars, make, manufacture or prepare primary gold.

(2) Unless authorised by the Administrator so to do, a licensed refiner shall not make, manufacture, prepare, repair or polish any article or ornament.

20. Standard gold bar to be stamped. — (1) Every licensed refiner, who makes, manufactures or prepares standard gold bars shall put a stamp on each such gold bar certifying its purity and such stamp shall also contain such other particulars as may be prescribed.

(2) No stamp referred to in sub-section (1) shall be used in stamping any standard gold bar unless such stamp has been approved by the Administrator.

21. Acquisition of gold by a refiner. — Subject to the provisions of section 9, a licensed refiner may buy or otherwise acquire or accept or otherwise receive primary gold, article or ornament from a person for the purpose of refining such gold for making, manufacturing or preparing standard gold bars therefrom.

22. Sale or delivery of gold by a refiner. — Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no licensed refiner shall sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of gold in any form, other than in the form of standard gold bars and no such sale, delivery, transfer or disposal shall be made to any person other than a licensed dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith:

Provided that a licensed refiner may sell standard gold bars to any person on production by that person of a permit granted by the Administrator in this behalf or to such other person as the Administrator may authorise in this behalf.

23. Licensed refiner to comply with conditions, etc. — A licensed refiner shall not —

- (i) acquire, accept, buy or otherwise receive, or
- (ii) melt, assay, refine, alloy or extract gold or subject it to any other process, or
- (iii) sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, any gold, except under such conditions, limitations and restrictions as may be prescribed.

24. Prohibition regarding possession of gold not included in any return. — Except in the case of any quantity of gold acquired, accepted, bought or received after the date of making of any return referred to in section 57, no licensed refiner shall, in his capacity as such refiner, either own or have in his possession, custody or control any gold which has not been included in such return:

Provided that any gold acquired, accepted, bought or received after the date of making such return shall be included in the next succeeding return.

25. Licensed refiner not to keep in a refinery any gold which is not a part of his stock-in-trade. — Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no licensed refiner shall keep in his refinery any primary gold, article or ornament which is not a part of his stock-in-trade or held by him in his capacity as a refiner and every primary gold, ornament or article found in such refinery shall be deemed to be a part of his stock-in-trade or held by him in his capacity as a refiner.

26. Gold where to be refined when silver, etc., is also refined in the same premises. — If a refiner carries on, in the same premises, the business of refining silver or other metal, he shall carry on the business of refining gold in such part of the premises and under such conditions, limitations and restrictions as may be specified by the Administrator.

27. Silver refiner to keep record of gold recovered from such refining. — Every person who refines or melts silver, including its alloys, shall —

(a) maintain a record of gold, if any, recovered from such refining or melting;

(b) declare on or before the fifth day of each month, in such form as may be prescribed, the quantity of gold so recovered during the month immediately preceding;

(c) sell such gold within a period of thirty days from the date of such declaration or within such further period as, on sufficient cause being shown, may be allowed by the Administrator, to a licensed refiner or, if so authorised by the Administrator, to a licensed dealer.

CHAPTER VII

Dealers

28. Licensing of dealers. — (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no person shall commence, or carry on, business as a dealer unless he holds a valid licence issued in this behalf by the Administrator.

(2) A licence issued under this section, —

(a) shall be in such form as may be prescribed,

(b) shall be valid for such period as may be specified therein,

(c) may be renewed, from time to time, and

(d) may contain such conditions, limitations and restrictions as the Administrator may think fit to impose and different conditions, limitations and restrictions may be imposed for different classes of dealers.

(3) Every licence issued under Part XIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, authorising the carry-

ing on of business as a dealer, shall, if in force immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance continue to be in force until the expiry of the period of its validity or until the cancellation thereof, whichever is earlier.

(4) A person who holds, at the commencement of this Ordinance, a valid licence authorising him to carry on business as a dealer shall, if he intends to continue such business after the expiry of the period of its validity, make, at least one month before the expiry of such period, an application (in such form and on payment of such fees, not exceeding one hundred rupees, as may be prescribed) for the renewal of such licence.

(5) A person who intends to commence, after the commencement of this Ordinance, business as a dealer, shall make an application (in such form and on payment of such fees, not exceeding one hundred rupees, as may be prescribed) for the issue of a licence.

(6) On receipt of an application for the issue or renewal of a licence under this section, the Administrator may, after making such inquiry, if any, as he may consider necessary, by order in writing either issue or renew the licence, or reject the application for the same:

Provided that no licence shall be issued or renewed under this section unless the Administrator, having regard to the following matters, is satisfied that the licence should be issued or renewed, namely:—

(a) the number of dealers existing in the region in which the applicant intends to carry on business as a dealer,

(b) the anticipated demand, as estimated by him, for ornaments in that region,

(c) the turnover of the applicant, if he had been carrying on business as a dealer prior to the commencement of Part XHIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, during two years immediately preceding such commencement, or, in the case of an application for the renewal of a licence, the date of the application for such renewal,

(d) the previous experience, if any, of the applicant with regard to the making, manufacturing, preparing, repairing or polishing of, or dealing in, ornaments,

(e) the suitability of the applicant,

(f) the suitability of the premises where the applicant intends to carry on business as a dealer,

(g) the public interest, and

(h) such other matters as may be prescribed.

(7) (a) The Administrator shall specify, in each licence granted to a dealer, the premises in which such dealer shall carry on business and no other person shall carry on business as a dealer in the said premises.

(b) A licensed dealer shall not carry on business as such dealer in any premises other than the premises specified in his licence.

(8) Every licensed dealer shall ensure that every artisan or other person employed by him complies, in the course of such employment, with the provisions of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder and of any other law relating to gold of foreign exchange for the time being in force.

29. **Money-lending or other business not to be carried on in licensed premises.**—No licensed dealer shall, unless authorised by the Administrator so to do,—

(a) carry on—

(i) business as a money-lender or banker, or

(ii) any business other than business as a dealer; or

(b) permit any other person to carry on money-lending, banking or any other business,

in the same premises in which he carries on business as such dealer.

30. **What a dealer may manufacture.**—Subject to the other provisions of this Ordinance, a licensed dealer may make, manufacture, prepare, repair or polish ornaments and may also repair or polish articles but shall not, unless authorised by the Administrator so to do, make, manufacture or prepare any primary gold or article:

Provided that such dealer may, in the process of making, manufacturing, preparing ornaments, make, manufacture or prepare primary gold (other than standard gold bar) by melting, processing or converting any article, ornament or standard gold bar.

31. **Ornament, etc., to be stamped.**—(1) Every licensed dealer shall stamp every piece of article or ornament made, manufactured or prepared by him certifying the purity of the gold:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any article or ornament on which, owing to its nature or the smallness of its size, it is not possible to put such a stamp.

(2) Every stamp referred to in sub-section (1) shall also contain such other particulars as may be prescribed.

32. **Acquisition of gold by a dealer.**—Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no licensed dealer shall buy or otherwise acquire or agree to buy or otherwise acquire or accept or otherwise receive or agree to accept or otherwise receive article, ornament or primary gold from any person other than a licensed dealer or refiner:

Provided that any such dealer may buy or otherwise acquire or accept or otherwise receive or agree to buy or otherwise acquire or accept or otherwise receive from a person who is not a licensed dealer or refiner,—

(i) any ornament which is not required to be included in a declaration or any ornament which, being required to be included in a declaration, has been so included,

(ii) any article which, being required to be included in a declaration has been so included, or where such article is not required to be included in a declaration, if the sale, delivery, transfer or disposal of such article has been authorised by the Administrator,

(iii) any primary gold, if the person selling, delivering, transferring, or otherwise disposing of the same has been authorised so to do by the Administrator:

Provided further that where any such dealer has delivered any article, ornament or primary gold to

his artisan or a certified goldsmith, for the purpose of making, manufacturing, preparing, repairing or polishing any ornament, he may, after such ornament has been made, manufactured, prepared, repaired or polished, take back such ornament from the artisan or certified goldsmith, as the case may be.

33. Possession of primary gold by a licensed dealer.— Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no licensed dealer shall either own or have at any time in his possession, custody or control primary gold in any form except in the form of standard gold bars:

Provided that such dealer may, unless the Central Government (having regard to the needs of the trade, volume of business and public interest) otherwise directs, own or keep in his possession, custody or control not more than—

- (a) four hundred grammes, if he does not employ any artisan.
- (b) five hundred grammes, if he employs not more than ten artisans,
- (c) one thousand grammes, if he employs more than ten but not more than twenty artisans,
- (d) two thousand grammes, if he employs more than twenty artisans,

of primary gold in any form other than in the form of standard gold bars.

34. Gold which is not a part of the stock-in-trade, not to be kept in the business premises of a dealer.— No licensed dealer shall keep in the premises where he carries on business as such dealer any primary gold, article or ornament which is not a part of his stock-in-trade or held by him in his capacity as a dealer and every primary gold, ornament or article found in such premises shall be deemed to be a part of the stock-in-trade of such dealer or held by him in his capacity as a dealer.

35. Sale or delivery of gold by a licensed dealer or certified goldsmith.— (1) A licensed dealer may sell, deliver, or otherwise transfer or agree to sell, deliver, or otherwise transfer ornaments to any person.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no licensed dealer shall—

- (a) sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of or agree to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or
- (b) expose or offer for sale, delivery, transfer or disposal—
 - (i) primary gold to any person other than a licensed dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith,
 - (ii) any article to any person other than a licensed dealer or refiner:

Provided that a licensed dealer shall not sell or transfer primary gold to any other licensed dealer or to any certified goldsmith in any form except in the form of standard gold bars.

(3) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2), a licensed dealer may sell or deliver primary gold or article to any person in pursuance of an authorisation made by the Administrator or

on production by that person of a permit granted by the Administrator in this behalf.

36. Nothing in section 35 to apply to the transfer of gold to an artisan.— Nothing contained in section 35 shall apply to the transfer or delivery, by a licensed dealer, of any primary gold or article to any certified goldsmith or artisan for the purpose of getting any ornaments made, manufactured, prepared, repaired or polished by such certified goldsmith or artisan.

37. Acquisition, sale, etc., of gold to be subject to conditions.— Every acquisition, acceptance, sale, delivery, transfer or disposal of gold by a licensed dealer shall be made in accordance with such conditions, limitations and restrictions as may be prescribed in this behalf.

38. Licensed dealers may take assistance of specialists.— A licensed dealer may, in the course, and for the purpose of manufacturing ornaments, send gold to any other dealer who possesses equipment for drawing wires or for die-casting or who is a specialist in stone-setting, engraving, enamelling, polishing or any other special process necessary for or ancillary to, the making, manufacturing, preparing, repairing or polishing of such ornament and that other dealer shall return such gold to the licensed dealer from whom he had received it after the completion of the process for which it was sent to him.

39. Prohibition regarding possession of gold not included in any return.— Except in the case of any quantity of gold acquired, accepted or received after the date of making of any return referred to in section 57, no licensed dealer shall, in his capacity as such dealer, either own or have in his possession, custody or control any gold which has not been included in such return:

Provided that any gold acquired, accepted or received after the date of making such return shall be included in the next succeeding return.

CHAPTER VIII

Certified goldsmiths

40. Certified goldsmiths.— (1) Save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, no person shall commence, or carry on, business as a goldsmith after the commencement of this Ordinance unless he holds a valid certificate recognizing him as a goldsmith.

(2) The certificate referred to in sub-section (1)—

- (a) shall be in such form as may be prescribed,
- (b) shall be valid for such period as may be specified therein,

(c) may be renewed, from time to time, and

(d) may contain such conditions, limitations and restrictions as the Administrator may think fit to impose and different conditions, limitations and restrictions may be imposed for different classes of certified goldsmiths.

(3) Every certificate granted to a person under Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, recognizing him as a goldsmith, shall, if in force immediately before the commencement of this Ordinance, continue to be in force until the expiry of the period of its validity or until the cancellation thereof, whichever is earlier.

(4) Where any person has received any loan from the Government under any scheme for the rehabilitation of goldsmiths, he shall not be eligible for obtaining a certificate recognizing him as a goldsmith unless he has, within a period of seven months from the commencement of the Defence of India (Fourth Amendment) Rules, 1966, or within such further period as the Administrator may on sufficient cause being shown, allow, repaid such loan.

(5) Every application for the grant or renewal of a certificate referred to in sub-section (1) shall be made in such form, in such manner and on payment of such fee, not exceeding ten rupees, as may be prescribed.

(6) On receipt of an application for the grant or renewal of certificate, the Administrator may, after making such inquiry, if any, as he may consider necessary, by order in writing, either grant or renew the certificate, or reject the application for the same:

Provided that no certificate shall be granted or renewed under this section unless the Administrator, having regard to the following matters, is satisfied that the certificate should be granted or renewed, namely:—

(a) the applicant had been carrying on business as a goldsmith for more than a year immediately before the commencement of Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962,

(b) the applicant is a member of the family of a person referred to in clause (a) and had been assisting such person in his work as a goldsmith for not less than one year immediately preceding the commencement of Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, and has not received any educational assistance or technical training facilities from the Government under any scheme for the rehabilitation of goldsmiths,

(c) the applicant or his family, or both, had not received any assistance from Government or any Government sponsored agency under any scheme for the rehabilitation of goldsmiths,

(d) the demand for ornaments, as estimated by the Administrator, in the region,

(e) the desirability of increasing the number of goldsmiths in the region,

(f) suitability of the applicant, having regard to his antecedents and competence, for the grant or renewal of a certificate,

(g) the applicant belongs to a category or class to which, in the opinion of the Administrator, such certificate may be granted in the public interest, and

(h) such other matters as may be prescribed.

(7) Every certified goldsmith shall have in his possession the certificate granted to him while he carries on business as such goldsmith and shall produce it for inspection on demand by any Gold Control Officer.

41. What a certified goldsmith may manufacture.— A certified goldsmith may make, manufacture, prepare, repair, polish or process ornaments and may also repair or polish articles but shall not, unless

authorised by the Administrator so to do, make, manufacture or prepare any primary gold or article:

Provided that subject to the provisions of section 43, a certified goldsmith may, in the process of making, manufacturing, preparing or repairing ornaments, make, manufacture or prepare primary gold (other than standard gold bar) by melting, processing or converting any article, ornament or standard gold bar acquired or accepted by him in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.

42. Restrictions on acquisition or sale of gold by a certified goldsmith.— A certified goldsmith—

(a) may—

(i) buy standard gold bars from a licensed dealer or refiner,

(ii) accept or otherwise receive any article, ornament or primary gold from a licensed dealer for the purpose of making, manufacturing, preparing, or repairing ornaments for such licensed dealer,

(iii) accept or otherwise receive, subject to the provisions of section 9, from any other person any article or ornament for the purpose of making, manufacturing or preparing ornament for such person or for the purpose of repairing or polishing such article or ornament;

(b) shall not, save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, buy or agree to buy or sell or agree to sell any primary gold, article or ornament.

43. Limit on primary gold which a certified goldsmith may possess.— No certified goldsmith shall either own or have at any time in his possession, custody or control any quantity of—

(i) standard gold bars in excess of one hundred grammes, or

(ii) any quantity of primary gold (including standard gold bars) in excess of two hundred grammes.

44. Section 38 to apply to certified goldsmiths.— The provisions of section 38 shall apply so far as may be to a certified goldsmith as they apply to a licensed dealer subject to the modification that every reference therein to a licensed dealer shall be construed as a reference to a certified goldsmith.

CHAPTER IX

Artisans

45. Artisans.— (1) A licensed dealer may employ, whether on a whole-time or part-time basis or on payment of daily wages or other remuneration, an artisan—

(a) who was a dealer or a goldsmith or was employed by a dealer for a period of not less than one year immediately preceding the commencement of Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, or at any time thereafter but before the commencement of this Ordinance, or

(b) who is eligible to obtain a certificate recognizing him as a goldsmith.

(2) No person shall be employed by any licensed dealer as an artisan unless an identity card has been given to such artisan by the licensed dealer and no

artisan, the countersignature of whose identity card has been refused or whose identity card has been cancelled, shall be employed by a licensed dealer after such refusal or cancellation.

(3) Before employing an artisan, a licensed dealer shall make inquiries as to the antecedents of the artisan and grant him an identity card, in such form and containing such particulars as may be prescribed, and enter the name and the prescribed particulars of such artisan in a register to be maintained in such form as may be prescribed and shall send such identity card within one month from the date of issue thereof to Gold Control Officer for approval and countersignature.

(4) On receipt of the identity card of an artisan under this Ordinance the Gold Control Officer may, after making such inquiry, if any, as he may consider necessary, either countersign the identity card or if he is of opinion that the applicant is not a suitable person for employment as an artisan, refuse in writing to countersign such identity card.

(5) The Gold Control Officer may, if he is satisfied that the particulars of an artisan, as entered in the register referred to in sub-section (3), are incorrect or false in material particulars or that the artisan has contravened any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder or of any other law relating to gold or foreign exchange for the time being in force, cancel the identity card of such artisan:

Provided that no such cancellation shall be made unless the artisan has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed action.

(6) The identity card —

(a) of an artisan, who is dismissed by the dealer by whom he is employed, or

(b) the countersignature of which has been refused, or

(c) which has been cancelled,

shall be immediately recovered by the licensed dealer by whom the artisan holding such card is employed and such dealer shall immediately recover all the quantity of gold which was in the possession, custody or control of such artisan on the date of such dismissal, refusal or cancellation.

(7) No licensed dealer or certified goldsmith shall accept employment as an artisan unless he has, before commencing work as an artisan, surrendered his licence or certificate, as the case may be, to the Gold Control Officer.

46. Functions of an artisan. — Subject to the other provisions of this Ordinance, an artisan may make, manufacture, prepare, repair or polish ornaments and may also repair or polish an article for the dealer by whom he is employed, but shall not, unless the dealer by whom he is employed is authorised by the Administrator, so to do, make, manufacture or prepare any primary gold or article:

Provided that such artisan may, in the process of making, manufacturing, preparing or repairing ornaments, make, manufacture or prepare primary gold (other than standard gold bar) by melting, processing or converting any article or ornament or standard gold bar.

47. Limits on primary gold which an artisan may have in his possession. — The total quantity of primary gold in the possession, custody or control, whether individually or collectively, of the artisans employed by a licensed dealer shall not, at any time, exceed the limits specified in section 33.

48. Restrictions on the acquisition, possession or disposal of gold by an artisan. — (1) An artisan may accept article, ornament or primary gold from the licensed dealer by whom he is employed for the purpose of making, manufacturing, preparing, ornaments for such dealer.

(2) No artisan shall, save as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, —

(i) buy or otherwise acquire or agree to buy or otherwise acquire, or

(ii) accept or otherwise receive or agree to accept or otherwise receive, or

(iii) sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of or agree to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of,

any article, ornament or primary gold.

49. Artisan not to work at any place other than the premises of the dealer. — An artisan shall not work as such at any place other than the premises specified in the licence issued to the dealer by whom he is employed.

50. Artisans to carry identity cards with them. — Every artisan shall have in his possession the identity card granted to him while he carries on work as such artisan and shall produce it for inspection on demand by any Gold Control Officer.

CHAPTER X

Cancellation and suspension of licences and certificates

51. Cancellation or suspension of licence or certificate. — (1) The Administrator may, if he has any reasonable cause to believe that the holder of any licence or certificate issued, renewed or continued under this Ordinance has made any statement in, or in relation to, any application for the issue or renewal of a licence or certificate under this Ordinance which is incorrect or false in material particulars or has contravened any provisions of Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, or of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder or of any other law for the time being in force which prohibits, restricts or regulates the bringing into or taking out of India of any goods [including coins, currency (whether Indian or foreign) and foreign exchange] or the carrying, removing, depositing, harbouring, keeping, concealing, selling or purchasing such goods or the making of any payment in relation to such goods. —

(i) suspend such licence or certificate, as the case may be, pending the completion of any inquiry or trial against the holder of such licence or certificate, as the case may be, for such contravention, or

(ii) cancel such licence or certificate, as the case may be:

Provided that no such licence or certificate shall be cancelled unless the holder thereof has been given a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed action.

(2) Every person whose licence or certificate has been suspended shall, immediately after such suspension, stop functioning as such licensee or holder of such certificate and shall not resume business as such licensee or holder of such certificate until the order of such suspension has been vacated.

(3) Every person who holds a licence or certificate which is suspended or cancelled shall, immediately after such suspension or cancellation, surrender such licence or certificate, as the case may be, to the authority by which such licence or certificate was issued.

52. Cancellation of licence or certificate on application by dealer, refiner or certified goldsmith.— A licensed dealer or refiner or a certified goldsmith who discontinues, or intends to discontinue, business as such dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith, may make an application to the Administrator for the cancellation of his licence or certificate, as the case may be, and thereupon the Administrator may cancel the licence or certificate which was issued or renewed to such dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith.

53. Licence to a firm to be invalid if there is any change in the partnership of a firm.— Where any firm has been licensed under this Ordinance to carry on business as a dealer or refiner, such licence shall, notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance, become invalid on and from the date on which there is a change in the partnership of such firm, unless such change in the partnership has been approved by the Administrator.

54. Disposal of gold in the possession of licensed dealers, refiners and certified goldsmiths in certain cases.— Where the period of validity of any licence issued to a dealer or refiner or a certificate granted to a certified goldsmith has expired or where any application for the renewal of such licence or certificate, as the case may be, has been rejected, or where such licence or certificate has been cancelled, such dealer, refiner or certified goldsmith, as the case may be, shall, within thirty days from the date of such expiry, rejection or cancellation, —

(i) sell or otherwise transfer to any other licensed dealer or refiner the entire quantity of gold (other than ornaments) in his possession, custody or control on the date of such expiry, rejection or cancellation, as the case may be, and send intimation thereof to the Administrator; and

(ii) either sell or otherwise transfer or take over as personal property any ornament which is in his possession, custody or control on the said date.

55. Display of licences.— Every licensed dealer and every licensed refiner shall display his licence at a conspicuous place of the premises in which he carries on business as a licensed dealer or refiner.

CHAPTER XI

Accounts and returns

56. Accounts.— (1) Every licensed dealer, every licensed refiner and every certified goldsmith shall keep, in such form and in such manner as may be prescribed, a true and complete account of the gold owned, possessed, held, controlled, bought or other-

wise acquired, accepted or otherwise received, or sold, delivered, transferred or otherwise disposed of, by him in his capacity as such licensed dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith, as the case may be, and different forms of accounts may be prescribed for different classes of licensed dealers, refiners or certified goldsmiths.

(2) Every licensed dealer, every licensed refiner and every certified goldsmith shall as and when he buys or otherwise acquires or accepts or otherwise receives, or sells, delivers, transfers or otherwise disposes of, any gold, enter in the accounts referred to in sub-section (1) the prescribed particulars of such gold and the prescribed particulars of the person from whom such gold was bought, acquired, accepted or otherwise received or to whom such gold was sold, delivered, transferred or otherwise disposed of,

(3) No licensed dealer or refiner and no certified goldsmith shall, in his capacity as licensed dealer or refiner, either own or have in his possession, custody or control any gold which has not been included in the accounts referred to in sub-section (1).

57. Returns as to gold.— (1) Every licensed dealer, every licensed refiner and every certified goldsmith shall furnish to the Administrator such returns as to the quantity, description and other prescribed particulars of gold owned, possessed, held or controlled by him, in such form and within such time as may be prescribed and different returns may be prescribed for different classes of licensed dealers or refiners or certified goldsmiths.

(2) Every return shall be made in triplicate, of which one copy shall be authenticated and signed by the Gold Control Officer and thereafter shall be returned to the dealer or, as the case may be, the refiner and the copy so returned shall be retained by the dealer or refiner as the evidence of the return made by him under this section.

58. Production and inspection of accounts.— (1) Every licensed dealer, and every licensed refiner and every certified goldsmith shall, if so required by the Gold Control Officer, —

(a) produce before him any accounts, register or other documents, and

(b) furnish to the Gold Control Officer any information relating to any gold owned by him or in his possession, custody or control or to the acceptance, receipt, acquisition, sale, delivery, transfer or other disposal of any gold by him.

(2) Every account, register and other document relating to any gold or to the acceptance, acquisition, receipt, sale, delivery, transfer or other disposal thereof and any gold owned by or in the possession, custody or control of any licensed dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith, wherever kept, shall be liable to be inspected by any Gold Control Officer and such officer may, for the purposes of such inspection, enter, at any reasonable time, the business premises of a licensed dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith.

CHAPTER XII

Entry, search, seizure and arrest

59. Power to enter and search.— (1) Any Gold Control Officer authorised in this behalf by the

Administrator may, if he has any reason to suspect that any provision of this Ordinance has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened, enter, at any reasonable time and search any refinery or the business premises of a licensed dealer or a certified goldsmith.

(2) Any Gold Control Officer, not below the rank of a Superintendent of Central Excise, empowered in this behalf by the Central Government, may, if he has any reason to suspect that any provision of this Ordinance has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened, authorise any officer to enter and to search any premises, vaults, lockers, or any other place, whether above or below ground, or may himself do so.

60. Power to search person.— Any Gold Control Officer authorised in this behalf by the Administrator may, if he has any reason to suspect that any person has secreted about his person or in any other thing, —

(a) any gold in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Ordinance has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened;

(b) any document relating to gold which, in his opinion, will be useful for, or relevant to, any inquiry or proceeding for the contravention of any provision of this Ordinance or of any rule or order made thereunder;

may search such person or thing.

61. Conditions under which a search shall be conducted.— (1) When any such officer referred to in section 60 is about to search the person referred to in that section, he shall, if such person so requires, take such person without any unnecessary delay, to the nearest Gold Control Officer of gazetted rank (hereafter in this section referred to as the gazetted officer) or to the nearest magistrate.

(2) If such requisition is made, the Gold Control Officer may detain the person making it until he can bring him before the gazetted officer or magistrate referred to in sub-section (1).

(3) The gazetted officer or magistrate before whom any person is brought shall, if he sees no reasonable ground for search, forthwith discharge the person but otherwise shall direct that search be made.

62. Female to be searched by a female.— No female shall be searched by any one excepting a female.

63. Power to search vehicle etc.— Any Gold Control Officer authorised in this behalf by the Administrator may, if he has any reason to suspect that any conveyance or animal is being, or is about to be, used for the transport of any gold in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Ordinance has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened, at any time stop such conveyance or animal, or, in the case of an aircraft, compel it to land, and

(a) rummage and search any conveyance or part thereof;

(b) examine and search any goods in the conveyance or on the animal;

(c) break open the lock of any door or package for exercising the powers conferred by clauses (a) and (b), if keys are withheld;

(d) if it becomes necessary to stop any conveyance or animal, he may use all lawful means for stopping it, and where such means fail, the conveyance or animal may be fired upon.

Explanation.— Any reference to conveyance in this Chapter and in Chapters XIII, XIV and XV shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as including a reference to any aircraft, vehicle or vessel.

64. Power to summon persons to give evidence and produce documents.— (1) Any Gold Control Officer of a gazetted rank shall have power to summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary either to give evidence or to produce any document or other thing in any inquiry which such officer is making in connection with any contravention of any provision of this Ordinance.

(2) A summons to produce documents or other things may be for the production of certain specified documents or things or for the production of all documents or things of a certain description, in the possession, custody or control of the person summoned.

(3) All persons so summoned shall be bound to attend in person; and to state the truth upon any subject respecting which they are summoned and produce such documents and other things as may be required:

Provided that where any person has been summoned merely to produce a document or other thing, he shall be deemed to have complied with the summons if he cause such document or other thing to be produced instead of attending personally to produce the same:

Provided further that the exemption under section 132 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, shall be applicable to any requisition for attendance under this section. 5 of 1908.

(4) Every such inquiry as aforesaid shall be deemed to be a judicial proceeding within the meaning of section 193 and 228 of the Indian Penal Code. 45 of 1860.

65. Power to call for information, etc.— Any Gold Control Officer may, during the course of any inquiry in connection with the contravention of any provisions of this Ordinance, —

(a) call for information from any person for the purpose of satisfying himself whether there has been any contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder;

(b) require any person to produce or deliver any document or thing useful for, or relevant to, the inquiry;

(c) examine any person acquainted with the facts and circumstances of the case.

66. Power to impound or retain documents.— Any documents or other thing which is produced before any Gold Control Officer, in pursuance of the pro-

vision of section 64 or section 65, may be impounded or retained in his custody by such officer for such period as he may consider necessary:

Provided that no document or other thing shall be —

(a) impounded without recording reasons for so doing, or

(b) retained in the custody of such officer for a period exceeding fifteen days (exclusive of holidays) without obtaining the approval of an officer (not below the rank of an Assistant Collector of Central Excise or of Customs), being an officer who is superior to him in rank.

67. Power to seize. — (1) If any Gold Control Officer has reason to believe that in respect of any gold any provision of this Ordinance has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened, then, he may seize —

(a) such gold along with the package, covering or receptacle, if any (and the contents thereof), in which the gold, is found;

(b) any other goods in which any quantity of such gold has been mixed.

(2) Any Gold Control Officer may seize —

(a) any document or other thing which, in his opinion, will be useful for, or relevant to, any inquiry or proceeding for the contravention of any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder;

(b) any conveyance or animal which has been, or is being, or is about to be, used for the transport of any gold in relation to which any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened.

(3) Any document or other thing seized under sub-section (2) shall not be retained by the Gold Control Officer for a period exceeding six months from the date of the seizure unless the reasons for retaining the same are recorded by him in writing and the approval of the Administrator for such retention is obtained:

Provided that the Administrator shall not authorise the retention of the document or other thing for a period exceeding thirty days after all proceedings under this Ordinance, for which the document or other thing is useful or relevant, are completed.

(4) The person from whose custody any document or other thing is seized under sub-section (2) may make copies thereof or take extracts therefrom in the presence of the Gold Control Officer or any other person empowered by him in this behalf, at such place and at such time as the Gold Control Officer may appoint in this behalf.

(5) If a person legally entitled to the document or other thing seized under sub-section (2) objects for any reason to the approval being given by the Administrator under sub-section (3), he may make an application to the Central Government stating therein the reasons for such objection and requesting for the return of the document or other thing.

(6) On receipt of the application under sub-section (5), the Central Government may, after giving

the applicant an opportunity of being heard, pass such orders as it may think fit.

68. Presumption as to documents in certain cases. — Where any document is produced by any person under this Ordinance or has been seized thereunder from the custody or control of any person and such document is tendered by the prosecution in evidence against him, the court shall, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other law for the time being in force, —

(a) presume, unless the contrary is proved, —

(i) the truth of the contents of such document,

(ii) that the signature and every other part of such document which purports to be in the handwriting of any particular person or which the court may reasonably assume to have been signed by or to be in the handwriting of, any particular person, is in that person's handwriting, and in the case of a document executed or attested, that it was executed or attested by the person by whom it purports to have been so executed or attested;

(b) admit the document in evidence, notwithstanding that it is not duly stamped if such document is otherwise admissible in evidence.

69. Power to arrest. — (1) Any Gold Control Officer authorised by the Administrator in this behalf may, if he has reasons to believe that any person has contravened, or is contravening, or is about to contravene any provision of this Ordinance, arrest such person and shall as soon as possible inform him of the grounds for such arrest and shall take such arrested person to the nearest magistrate within a period of twenty-four hours of such arrest excluding the time necessary for the journey from the place of arrest to the court of the magistrate and no such person shall be detained in custody beyond the said period without the authority of a magistrate.

(2) Any officer who has arrested any person under this section shall, for the purpose of releasing such person on bail or otherwise, have the same powers and be subject to the same provisions as the officer-in-charge of a police station has, and is subject to, under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

5 of 1898.

70. Provisions of sections 102 and 103 of the Code of Criminal Procedure to apply to search and seizure. — The provisions of section 102 and 103 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, relating to search and seizure shall, so far as they are applicable, apply in relation to every search made under this Ordinance and to every seizure made in the course of such search.

5 of 1898.

71. Power to record statements. — Where at the time of arrest or seizure under this Ordinance, or the detection of any contravention of any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder, any person makes a statement to the officer making such arrest, seizure or detection that officer shall record in writing the statement of such person

in as nearly as possible the language in which such statement is made and shall on demand by such person furnish him with a copy of the statement.

CHAPTER XIII

Confiscation and penalties

72. Confiscation of gold.—(1) Any gold in respect of which any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened, shall be liable to confiscation.

(2) Any package, covering or receptacle (including its other contents) in which any gold liable to confiscation under sub-section (1) is found shall also be liable to confiscation.

(3) Where any gold liable to confiscation under sub-section (1) is mixed with other goods in such manner that such gold cannot be separated from those other goods, the whole of such goods shall be liable to confiscation.

(4) Whenever any confiscation is authorised by this Ordinance, the officer adjudging it may, subject to such conditions as may be specified in the order adjudging the confiscation, give to the owner thereof an option to pay in lieu of confiscation such fine as the said officer thinks fit.

73. Confiscation of conveyances.—Any conveyance or animal which has been, or is being, or is about to be, used for the transport of gold in relation to which any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened, shall be liable to confiscation unless the owner of the conveyance or animal proves that it was so used or about to be used without the knowledge or connivance of the owner himself, his agent, if any, and the person in charge of the conveyance or animal and that each of them had taken all reasonable precautions against such use:

Provided that where any such conveyance or animal is used for the transport of goods or passengers for hire, the owner of the conveyance or animal shall be given an option to pay in lieu of confiscation of the conveyance or animal, a fine not exceeding three times the value of the gold in relation to which the provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder has been, or is being, or is about to be, contravened.

74. Confiscation of gold notwithstanding any change in its form.—Any gold in relation to which any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder has been contravened shall be liable to confiscation notwithstanding any change in its form.

75. Liability to penalty.—Any person who, in relation to any gold does or omits to do any act which act or omission would render such gold liable to confiscation under this Ordinance, or abets the doing or omission of such an act, or is in charge of the conveyance or animal which is liable to confiscation under this Ordinance, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding five times the value of the gold or one thousand rupees, whichever is more, whether or not such gold has been confiscated or is available for confiscation.

76. Penalties for contravention, etc., not expressly mentioned.—Any person who contravenes any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder or abets any such contravention or who fails to comply with any provision of this Ordinance, or rule or order made thereunder shall, where no express penalty is elsewhere provided for such contravention or failure, be liable to such penalty, not exceeding one thousand rupees for every such contravention, failure or abetment, as the case may be.

77. Reference to gold to be construed as gold of any purity.—Any reference to gold in this Chapter and in Chapters XII, XIV and XV shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as including a reference to any article or thing made of, or containing, gold of any purity, whether such purity exceeds nine carats or not.

78. Confiscation or penalty not to interfere with other punishments.—No confiscation made or penalty imposed under this Ordinance shall prevent the infliction of any other punishment to which the person affected thereby is liable under the provisions of this Ordinance or under any other law.

CHAPTER XIV

Adjudication, appeal and revision

79. Adjudication.—Any confiscation may be adjudged or penalty may be imposed under this Ordinance—

(a) without limit, by a Gold Control Officer not below the rank of a Collector of Central Excise of Customs;

(b) subject to such limits as may be specified in this behalf, by such other Gold Control Officer not below the rank of a Superintendent of Central Excise as the Central Government may, by notification, authorise in this behalf.

80. Giving of an opportunity to the owner of gold, etc.—No order of adjudication of confiscation or penalty shall be made unless the owner of the gold, conveyance, or animal or other person concerned is given a notice in writing—

(i) informing him of the grounds on which it is proposed to confiscate such gold, conveyance or animal or to impose a penalty; and

(ii) giving him a reasonable opportunity of making a representation in writing within such reasonable time as may be specified in the notice against the confiscation or imposition of penalty mentioned therein and, if he so desires, of being heard in the matter:

Provided that the notice and the representation referred to in this section may, at the request of the owner or other person concerned be oral:

Provided further that where no such notice is given within a period of six months from the date of the seizure of the gold, conveyance or animal or such further period as the Collector of Central Excise or of Customs may allow, such gold, conveyance or animal shall be returned after the expiry of that period to the person from whose possession it was seized.

81. Appeal.—(1) Any person aggrieved by any decision or order made under this Ordinance, may prefer an appeal,—

(a) where the decision or order has been made by a Collector of Central Excise or of Customs, as the case may be, to the Administrator;

(b) where the decision or order has been made by any officer below the rank of a Collector of Central Excise or of Customs, as the case may be,—

(i) to the Collector of Central Excise or of Customs to whom the officer who made such decision or order is subordinate, or

(ii) if the Central Government so directs, to the Appellate Collector of Customs,

within a period of three months from the date of communication to such person of the decision or order:

Provided that the appellate authority may, if it is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from preferring an appeal within the aforesaid period of three months, allow such appeal to be preferred within a further period of three months.

(2) The appellate authority may, after giving to the appellant an opportunity of being heard, if he so desires, and after making such further inquiries, if any, as it may consider necessary pass such order as it thinks fit, confirming, modifying or reversing the decision or order appealed against, or may send back the case to the Gold Control Officer who made the decision or order appealed against, for a fresh adjudication after taking fresh evidence, if necessary:

Provided that an order enhancing any penalty or fine in lieu of confiscation or confiscating goods of greater value shall not be made under this section unless the appellant has had an opportunity of making a representation and, if he so desires, of being heard in his defence.

82. Power of revision of the Administrator.—The Administrator may, of his own motion or otherwise call for and examine the record of any proceeding in which any order of adjudication of confiscation or penalty, or any other decision or order has been made by any Gold Control Officer and against which no appeal has been preferred, for the purpose of satisfying himself as to the correctness, legality or propriety of such order or decision and may pass such order thereon as he thinks fit:

Provided that no decision or order shall be varied under this section so as to prejudicially effect any person unless such person—

(a) has within a period of two years from the date of such decision or order received a notice to show cause why such decision or order shall not be varied, and

(b) has been given a reasonable opportunity of making a representation and, if he so desires, of being heard, in his defence.

83. Power of revision of the Central Government.

(1) The Central Government may, on the application of any person aggrieved by any decision given or order made under this Ordinance from which no appeal lies, pass such orders as it may think fit if

such application has been made within six months from the date of the decision or order or within such further time as the Central Government may allow.

(2) The Central Government may, on its own motion or otherwise, call for and examine the record of any proceeding in which any decision or order has been made on appeal for the purpose of satisfying itself as to the correctness, legality or propriety of such decision or order and may pass such order thereon as it may think fit.

(3) No decision or order shall be varied under this section so as to prejudicially affect any person unless such person—

(a) has, within a period of one year from the date of such decision or order, received a notice to show cause why such decision or order shall not be varied, and

(b) has been given a reasonable opportunity of making a representation and, if he so desires, of being heard, in his defence.

84. Power of the adjudicating officer.

(1) Every person or authority making any adjudication or hearing any appeal or exercising any powers of revision under this Ordinance shall have all the powers of a civil court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, while trying a suit, in respect of the following matters, namely:—

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of witnesses;

(b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;

(c) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any court or office;

(d) receiving evidence on affidavits; and

(e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents.

(2) Every person or authority making any adjudication or hearing any appeal or exercising any powers under this Ordinance shall be deemed to be a civil court for the purposes of sections 480 and 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898.

5 of 1898.

85. Finality of orders.—Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law—

(a) any order passed by the Administrator or the Central Government in revision,

(b) subject to such order of the Government or the Administrator, any order passed on appeal, and

(c) subject to the final order of the Central Government or of the Administrator in revision and the order on appeal, any order of adjudication of confiscation, fine or penalty, or any other decision given or order made under this Ordinance, shall be final and shall not be called in question in any court except on a point of law.

CHAPTER XV

Offences and their trial

86. Punishment for illegal possession, etc., of gold.—Whoever, in contravention of the provisions of

this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder, —

(i) makes, manufactures, prepares, processes, or converts any primary gold, or

(ii) owns or has in his possession, custody or control any primary gold, or

(iii) buys or otherwise acquires, or accepts or otherwise receives, or agrees to buy or otherwise acquire or to accept or otherwise receive, any primary gold, or

(iv) sells, delivers, transfers or otherwise disposes of, or agrees to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or exposes or offers for sale, delivery, transfer or disposal, any primary gold, or

(v) melts, assays, refines, extracts, alloys, or converts any gold or subjects it to any other process, or

(vi) makes, manufactures, prepares, repairs, polishes, or processes or places any order for the making, manufacturing, preparing, repairing, polishing or processing of, any article or ornament, or

(vii) buys or otherwise acquires, or accepts or otherwise receives, or agrees to buy or otherwise acquire or to accept or otherwise receive, or sells, delivers, transfers or otherwise disposes of, or agrees to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or exposes or offers for sale, delivery, transfer or other disposal, any article or ornament, or

(viii) owns or has in his possession, custody or control any article or ornament, or

(ix) carries on any business or transaction in gold for which a licence or certificate is required to be obtained by or under this Ordinance, or

(x) carries on business as a banker or money-lender,

shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under this Ordinance, be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but not more than three years and also with fine:

Provided that the court may, if it is satisfied that the special circumstances of the case so require, impose a sentence of imprisonment for a term which may be less than six months.

87. Failure to make a declaration.—Whoever fails or omits to make a declaration [including a declaration referred to in sub-section (12) of section 17] without any reasonable cause or makes a declaration which is either false or which he knows or has reason to believe to be incorrect, shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under this Ordinance, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years and also with fine.

88. Failure to submit return or to maintain accounts.—Whoever omits without any reasonable cause to maintain accounts or to submit any return in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder or who keeps any accounts or makes any statement in any return which is false or which he knows or has reason to believe to be incorrect, shall, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under this Ordinance be punished with imprisonment for a term

which may extend to two years and also with fine, and in the event of a second or subsequent offence, with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but not more than three years and also with fine.

89. Licensed dealers, etc., when to be deemed to have abetted an offence.—(1) A licensed dealer or refiner, or a certified goldsmith who knows or has reason to believe that any provision of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder has been, or is being, contravened, by any person employed by him in the course of such employment, shall be deemed to have abetted an offence against this Ordinance.

(2) Whoever abets, or is deemed under sub-section (1) to have abetted any offence against this Ordinance, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years and shall also be liable to fine.

90. Punishment for the use of counterfeit stamp, etc.—Whoever,—

(i) counterfeits any stamp intending that the same shall be used for stamping any standard gold bar, article or ornament, or uses any counterfeit stamp knowing it to be counterfeit, or

(ii) falsely stamps any primary gold, article or ornament with the intention of causing it to be believed that such primary gold, article or ornament is of such purity as is mentioned in such stamp, or

(iii) sells, delivers, transfers or otherwise disposes of, or agrees to sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or exposes or offers for sale, delivery, transfer, or disposal, falsely stamped primary gold, article or ornament knowing or having reason to believe it to be so, or

(iv) unlawfully has in his possession, custody or control any implement, instrument, apparatus, appliance, machinery or other equipment or any chemical, mould stamp or any other material which he either knows or has reason to believe to be intended for refining or assaying any primary gold or for counterfeiting any mark on any standard gold bar, article or ornament,

shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than six months but not more than three years and shall also be liable to fine:

Provided that the court may, if it is satisfied that the special circumstances of the case so require, impose a sentence of imprisonment for a term which may be less than six months.

91. Punishment for allowing premises to be used as refinery.—Whoever knowingly allows any person to use any premises or any part thereof as a refinery in contravention of the provisions of section 105 shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

92. Punishment for offences for which no punishment is provided.—Whoever contravenes any provision of this Ordinance for which no punishment is separately provided in this Chapter, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months, or with fine, or with both.

93. Power of court to order forfeiture.—A court trying an offence against this Ordinance may order the forfeiture of any implement, instrument, apparatus, appliance, machinery or other material which the court is satisfied has been used in or in connection with the making or manufacturing of any standard gold bar, primary gold, article or ornament in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any rule or order made thereunder.

94. Offences by companies.—(1) Where an offence under this Ordinance has been committed by a company, every person who at the time the offence was committed was in charge of, and was responsible to, the company for the conduct of the business of the company as well as the company, shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly:

Provided that nothing contained in this sub-section shall render any such person liable to any punishment, if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he had exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), where any offence under this Ordinance has been committed by a company and it is proved that the offence has been committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to, any neglect on the part of, any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary or other officer shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section,—

(a) "company" means any body corporate and includes a firm or other association of individuals; and

(b) "director", in relation to a firm, means a partner in the firm.

95. Vexatious search, seizure, etc., by Gold Control Officer.—Any officer exercising powers under this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder, who knows that there are no reasonable grounds or suspicion for so doing,—

(a) searches or causes to be searched any house, conveyance or place,

(b) searches or arrests any person,

(c) seizes any movable property on the pretence of seizing or searching for any article liable to confiscation under this Ordinance,

shall, for every such offence, be punished with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees.

96. Failure of Gold Control Office in duty or his connivance at the contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance.—(1) Any Gold Control Officer who ceases or refuses to perform or withdraws himself from the duties of his office shall, unless he has obtained the express written permission of the Collector of Central Excise or of Customs, as the case may be, or has other lawful excuse for so doing, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to one year, or with fine, or with both.

(2) Any Gold Control Officer who wilfully aids in or connives at the contravention of any provision

of this Ordinance or of any rule or order made thereunder shall, for every such offence, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, or with fine, or with both.

97. Punishment for giving false information.—Any person who wilfully or maliciously gives false information and causes any arrest, search or seizure to be made under this Ordinance shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years, or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees, or with both.

98. Cognizance of offences.—(1) Save as otherwise provided in sub-section (2), no court shall take cognizance of any offence against this Ordinance except on a complaint in writing made by a Gold Control Officer, not below the rank, of a Collector of Central Excise or of Customs, having jurisdiction over the area in which the offence is committed or any person authorised by him in writing in this behalf.

(2) No court shall take cognizance of any offence against this Ordinance committed by a Gold Control Officer, except on a complaint in writing made with the previous sanction of the Central Government.

99. Offences to be tried summarily.—Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898,— 5 of 1898.

(i) no magistrate, other than a presidency magistrate or a magistrate of the first class shall try an offence against this Ordinance,

(ii) every offence against this Ordinance may be tried summarily by a magistrate.

CHAPTER XVI

Miscellaneous

100. Presumption as to ownership of gold.—Any person who is in possession, custody or control of any primary gold, article or ornament shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to be the owner thereof.

101. Precautions to be taken by licensed refiner, dealer or certified goldsmith, before acquiring any gold.—Every licensed dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith shall, before accepting, buying or otherwise acquiring any gold from any person, take all reasonable steps to satisfy himself as to the identity of the person from whom such gold is being bought, or otherwise acquired or accepted or otherwise received and as to the right of such person to sell, deliver, transfer or dispose of such gold, and if, after an inquiry made by an officer authorised in this behalf by the Administrator, it is found that the person from whom such gold is purported to have been bought, acquired, accepted or received is either a fictitious person or a person who is not readily traceable, it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved by such dealer or refiner or certified goldsmith, as the case may be, that such gold was bought, acquired, accepted or received in contravention of the provisions of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder.

102. Power to take samples.— (1) A Gold Control Officer authorised in this behalf may—

(a) take samples of gold from any dealer, refiner or other person in such manner as may be prescribed;

(b) send such samples for assay or analysis to such authority as may be prescribed and require such authority to send to him a report as to result of the assay or analysis.

(2) Where any sample has been taken under sub-section (1),—

(a) such sample shall be restored to the person from whom it was taken after the purpose for which it was taken has been carried out but if such person fails to take delivery of the sample within three months from the date on which it was proposed to be returned to him, it may be disposed of in such manner as the Administrator may direct;

(b) no compensation shall be payable for any reduction in the weight of such sample by reason of any test, assay or analysis.

103. Power to delegate.— The Central Government may, by notification, direct that all or any of the powers which may be exercised by it under this Ordinance, shall, in such circumstances and under such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the notification, be exercised also by such person or authority as may be specified therein.

104. Transfer or transmission of business.— (1) Where the business of a licensed dealer or refiner is transmitted by succession, intestate or testamentary, the heir or legatee, as the case may be, shall not carry on such business or run such refinery either in his own name or in some other name unless the heir or legatee has, before the expiry of sixty days after the date of such transmission, made to the Administrator an application for the issue of a licence in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance:

Provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the heir or legatee from carrying on business, as a dealer or refiner for the aforesaid period of sixty days, and, if he has applied for such licence, until he is granted the licence or is, by a notice in writing, informed by the Administrator that such licence cannot be granted to him.

(2) When the business of a licensed dealer or refiner is transferred by sale, gift, lease or otherwise, the transferee or lessee, as the case may be, shall not carry on such business or run such refinery either in his own name or in some other name unless he has obtained a licence in accordance with this Ordinance to carry on such business or to run refinery.

(3) The provisions of section 54 shall apply to the gold in the possession, custody or control of an heir, legatee, transferee or lessee referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) who does not intend to carry on business as a licensed dealer or refiner or whose application for the issue of a licence has been rejected, as they apply to the gold in the possession, custody or control of a licensed dealer or

refiner whose application for the renewal of a licence has been rejected, or the period of validity of whose licence has expired, or whose licence has been cancelled.

105. Prohibition of use of buildings for carrying on unlicensed refinery.— No person,—

(a) being the owner, lessor or landlord of any premises of the agent of such owner, lessor or landlord, shall let the same or any part thereof with the knowledge that the same or part thereof is intended to be used as a refinery or wilfully allow any person to use such premises or any part thereof as a refinery unless the refiner has been licensed under this Ordinance, or

(b) being the tenant, lessee or occupier or any person in charge of any premises, shall use, or allow any person to use, such premises or any part thereof as a refinery unless the refiner has been licensed under this Ordinance.

106. Officers required to assist Gold Control Officer.— All officers of police and all officers of Government engaged in the collection, or prevention of evasion, of revenue and all village officers are hereby empowered to assist the Gold Control Officers in the execution of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any rule or order made thereunder.

107. Recovery of sums due to Government.— In respect of any penalty imposed under this Ordinance and any other sum of any kind payable to the Central Government under any of the provisions of this Ordinance or of any rule or order made thereunder, the Gold Control Officer, who is empowered to impose such penalty or to require the payment of such sum, may deduct the amount of the penalty or such sum from any money owing to the person from whom such penalty or such sum may be recoverable or due, or may recover such amount or sum by attachment and sale of the goods belonging to such person; and if the amount of the penalty or other sum is not so recovered, the Gold Control Officer may prepare a certificate signed by him specifying the amount or other sum due from the person liable to pay the amount or sum and send it to the Collector of the district in which such person resides or conducts his business and the said Collector, on receipt of such certificate, shall proceed to recover from the said person the amount or sum specified therein as if it were an arrear of land revenue.

108. Secrecy and fidelity.— (1) All particulars contained in any return or declaration made or accounts, registers or other documents produced in accordance with this Ordinance shall, save as otherwise provided in sub-section (3), be treated as confidential, and notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, no court shall be entitled to require the Administrator or any person authorised by the Administrator under this Ordinance or any officer or other employee of Government to produce before it any such return, declaration, accounts, registers or other documents or any part thereof or to give evidence before it in respect thereof.

(2) The Administrator or any person exercising any powers or performing any functions under this Ordinance shall not divulge —

(i) any information contained in any return or declaration made to, or any account, register or other document produced before, or inspected by him, or

(ii) any other fact or information which comes to his knowledge by virtue of his office or in the course of his duty.

(3) The Administrator or any gazetted officer authorised by him in this behalf may request any officer of Government or the Reserve Bank of India to furnish any information relating to any particulars contained in any return or declaration made to, or any accounts, registers or other documents produced before or inspected by such officer under the provisions of any law if, in the opinion of the Administrator or the gazetted officer aforesaid, such information is necessary for the implementation of any provisions of this Ordinance; and when such request is made, the officer of Government or Reserve Bank of India, as the case may be, shall comply with such request notwithstanding the provisions of any such law forbidding the furnishing of such information.

(4) Nothing in this section shall apply to, and in relation to, the disclosure of any information referred to in sub-section (1) or sub-section (2) —

(a) for the purposes of any prosecution for any offence against this Ordinance, or

(b) to any officer of Government where it is necessary to make such disclosure to such officer for the purposes of this Ordinance or of any other law.

109. Protection of action taken in good faith. —

(1) No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Central Government, the Administrator, any Gold Control Officer or any person authorised by the Central Government or the Administrator for performing any functions under this Ordinance for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder.

(2) No suit or other legal proceeding shall lie against the Central Government or the Administrator or any person, authorised by the Central Government of the Administrator or performing any functions under this Ordinance, for any damage caused or likely to be caused by anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done under this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder.

110. Power to exempt. — Where, on the recommendation of the Administrator or otherwise, the Central Government is of opinion that it is necessary or expedient in the public interest so to do, it may, by order and subject to such conditions, if any, as it may specify in the order exempt any dealer or any refiner or any other person from the operation of all or any of the provisions of this Ordinance and may, as often as may be, revoke or modify such order.

111. Procedure in respect of gold seized by police officers. — (1) Where any police officer seizes any gold which is alleged or suspected to have been

stolen or which is found under circumstances which create suspicion of the commission of an offence, such police officer shall forthwith report the seizure of such gold to the nearest Gold Control Officer of or above the rank of a Superintendent of Central Excise.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, in every case referred to in sub-section (1), the police officer shall immediately after the dismissal of the complaint or the conclusion of the inquiry or trial cause such gold to be conveyed and delivered to the nearest Gold Control Officer of or above the rank of a Superintendent of Central Excise. 5 of 1898.

112. Effect of Ordinance and rules, etc., inconsistent with other enactments. — The provisions of this Ordinance or any rule or order made thereunder shall have effect notwithstanding anything inconsistent therewith contained in any enactment other than this Ordinance or in any instrument having effect by virtue of any enactment other than this Ordinance.

113. Presumption as to orders. — Where an order purports to have been signed by the Administrator or any person authorised in this behalf in exercise of any power conferred by or under this Ordinance a court shall presume, within the meaning of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, that such order was so made by that person. 1 of 1872.

114. Service or order, decision, etc. — Any order or decision passed or any summons or notice issued under this Ordinance, shall be served —

(a) by tendering the order, decision, summons or notice, or sending it by registered post, to the person for whom it is intended or to his agent; or

(b) if the order, decision, summons or notice cannot be served in the manner provided in clause (a), by affixing it on the notice board of the office of the Gold Control Officer.

115. Power to make rules. — (1) The Central Government may, by notification, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) In particular, and without prejudice to the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely: —

(a) fineness, dimensions, weight and description of a standard gold bar;

(b) particulars to be stamped on a standard gold bar, article or ornament;

(c) forms of —

(i) monthly accounts to be submitted by public religious institutions;

(ii) declarations;

(iii) licences and applications for the issue or renewal thereof;

(iv) certificates and applications for the issue or renewal thereof;

(v) declarations to be made as to recovery of gold by a silver refiner;

- (vi) accounts and returns to be submitted by a person acquiring gold under any permit or other authority;
- (vii) permits to be granted under this Ordinance;
- (viii) returns to be submitted by a licensed dealer or refiner;
- (ix) identity card of an artisan;
- (x) register of artisans;
- (xi) accounts to be maintained by a licensed or refiner or a certified goldsmith;
- (d) conditions, limitations and restrictions subject to which —
 - (i) a dealer may sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of any gold on the hypothecation, pledge, mortgage or charge of which he had advanced any loan;
 - (ii) a refiner may refine gold;
 - (iii) a licensed refiner may buy, acquire, accept or receive, gold, or melt, assay, refine, extract or alloy gold or subject it to any other process, or sell, deliver, transfer or otherwise dispose of any gold;
 - (iv) under which a licensed dealer may buy, acquire, accept or receive or sell, deliver, transfer or dispose of gold;
- (e) fees or charges to be paid —
 - (i) in respect of applications for the issue or renewal of licences or certificates;
 - (ii) for exercising supervision over the making, manufacturing or preparing any article or thing made of, or containing, gold of any purity;
 - (iii) for any appeal or application for revision;
- (f) period —
 - (i) of validity of a licence, certificate or permit;
 - (ii) within which returns and declarations as to gold should be submitted by dealers, refiners and other persons;
- (g) manner in which samples of gold may be taken from any dealer, refiner or other person and the person to whom such samples may be sent for assay or analysis;
- (h) manner —
 - (i) in which accounts are to be submitted by public religious institutions;
 - (ii) of endorsement on a declaration, when any gold is acquired or parted with;
 - (iii) of publication of notices and orders;
- (i) regulating the use and consumption of gold by industrial users and other persons;
- (j) any other matter which is required to be, or may be, prescribed.

(3) Every rule made by the Central Government under this section shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is made, before each House of Parliament while it is in session for a total period of thirty days which may be comprised in one session or in two successive sessions, and if, before the expiry of the session in which it is so laid or the session immediately following, both Houses agree in making any

modification in the rule or both Houses agree that the rule should not be made, the rule shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be; so, however, that any such modification or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done under that rule.

116. Power of Central Government and Administrator to empower or authorise by general or special order. — (1) Where, by this Ordinance, a power has been conferred on the Central Government or the Administrator to make any authorisation or exemption or to make any order, then, such power may be exercised by a general or special order.

(2) Where, by this Ordinance, a power has been conferred on the Central Government or the Administrator to empower or authorise any officer, then, such officer may be empowered or authorised, as the case may be, by name or by virtue of office.

117. Repeal and savings. — (1) As from the commencement of this Ordinance, the provisions of Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, shall stand repealed and upon such repeal, section 6 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, shall apply as if the said Part were a Central Act. 10 of 1897.

(2) Notwithstanding the repeal made by sub-section (1), but without prejudice to the application of section 6 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, any notification, order, direction, appointment or declaration made or any notice, licence or certificate issued or permission, authorisation or exemption granted or any confiscation adjudged or penalty or fine imposed or any forfeiture ordered or any other thing done or any other action taken under or in pursuance of the provisions of Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, be deemed to have been made, issued, granted, adjudged, imposed, ordered, done or taken under the corresponding provisions of this Ordinance. 10 of 1897.

118. Power to remove difficulties. — If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of this Ordinance, particularly in relation to the transition from Part XIIA of the Defence of India Rules, 1962, to the provisions of this Ordinance the Central Government may, by order, do anything (not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance) which appears to it to be necessary for the purpose of removing the difficulty:

Provided that no such power shall be exercised after the expiry of a period of two years from the commencement of this Ordinance.

ZAKIR HUSAIN,
President.

V. N. BHATIA,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

Notification

RC/218/68

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 5 of the Indian Registration Act, 1908, as extended to the Union Territory of Goa, Daman and Diu, the Lt. Governor of Goa, Daman and Diu hereby directs that with effect from the 1st day of November, 1968, the Julgão Municipal of Marmagao, shall cease to form part of the registration sub-district of Salcete and shall constitute the registration sub-district of Marmagao in the registration district of Goa.

By order and in the name of the Lieutenant Governor of Goa, Daman and Diu.

R. L. Segel, Law Secretary.

Panaji, 15th October, 1968.

Notification

LD/2/N/52/68

The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Act, 1968 (32 of 1968) which was recently passed by Parliament and assented to by the President of India on 18th August, 1968, is hereby republished for general information.

V. R. Vaze, Under Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 28th October, 1968.

The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Act, 1968

AN

ACT

further to amend the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1958

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Nineteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. Short title. — This Act may be called the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Act, 1968.

2. Amendment of section 2. — In section 2 of the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1958 (32 of 1958) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:—

“(b) “public premises” means any premises belonging to, or taken on lease or requisitioned by, or on behalf of, the Central Government; and includes—

(1) any premises belonging to, or taken on lease by, or on behalf of—

(i) any company as defined in section 3 of the Companies Act, 1956, in which not less than fifty-one per cent. of the paid-up share capital is held by the Central Government; and

(ii) any Corporation (not being a company as defined in section 3

of the Companies Act, 1956, or a local authority) established by or under a Central Act and owned or controlled by the Central Government; and

(2) in relation to the Union territory of Delhi—

(i) any premises belonging to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi or any municipal committee or notified area committee, and

(ii) any premises belonging to the Delhi Development Authority, whether such premises are in the possession of, or leased out by, the said Authority;”

3. Amendment of section 3. — In section 3 of the principal Act, in clause (a), for the words, brackets, letter and figure “or officers of equivalent rank of the Corporation or any Committee or the authority referred to in clause (b) of section 2”, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“or officers of equivalent rank of any company or Corporation referred to in paragraph (1), or of the Corporation or any Committee or the authority referred to in paragraph (2), of clause (b) of section 2”.

4. Insertion of new section 10E. — After section 10D of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

“10E. Bar of jurisdiction. — No civil court shall have jurisdiction to entertain any suit or proceeding in respect of the eviction of any person who is in unauthorised occupation of any public premises or the recovery of the arrears of rent payable under sub-section (1) of section 7 or the damages payable under sub-section (2) of that section or cost awarded to the Central Government under sub-section (4A) of section 9 or any portion of such rent, damages or costs.”

5. Repeal and saving. — (1) The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Amendment Ordinance, 1968, is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by the Act as if this Act had come into force on the 17th day of June, 1968.

Notification

LD/N/2/55/68

The Indian Coinage (Amendment) Act, (23 of 1968) which was recently passed by Parliament and assented to by the President of India on 6th August, 1968, is hereby republished for general information.

V. R. Vaze, Under Secretary (Law).

Panaji, 28th October, 1968.

The Indian Coinage (Amendment) Act, 1968

AN

ACT

further to amend the Indian Coinage Act, 1906

Be it enacted by Parliament in the Nineteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Indian Coinage (Amendment) Act, 1968.

(2) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Amendment of section 6.— In section 6 of the Indian Coinage Act, 1906 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for the words «of such denominations not higher than one rupee», the words «of such denominations not higher than one hundred rupees» shall be substituted.

3. Amendment of section 13.— In section 13 of the principal Act,—

(a) in sub-section (1), in clause (a), for the words «in the case of a rupee coin», the words «in the case of a coin of any denomination not lower than one rupee» shall be substituted;

(b) in sub-section (2), after the words, figures and letters «after the 10th day of March, 1940», the words, brackets and figures «and before the commencement of the Indian Coinage (Amendment) Act, 1947» shall be inserted.

Legislature Department

Corrigenda

LA/3156/68

In Act No. 1 of 1968 the Goa, Daman and Diu (Extension of the Provincial Insolvency Act) Act,

1968, as published in Government Gazette No. 47, Series I dated the 23rd February, 1968 vide this Department's Notification No. LA/648/68—

- 1) in line 5 of section 2, the word 'territory' shall read 'territories'.
- 2) in line 1 of the Proviso to section 4, the word 'Proceeding' shall read 'preceding'.

Secretariat

R. L. SEGEL

Panaji

Secretary to the Government
of Goa, Daman and Diu

October 25, 1968.

Labour and Information Department

Mormugao Port Trust

Notification

MPT/IGA(E.916)/68

As required under Section 124(1) of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963, it is hereby notified that the Central Government, vide Ministry of Transport & Shipping's letter no. 7-PE(21/67 dated the 28th September 1968, have accorded approval to the amendments to regulation 7 of the Mormugao Port Employees (Temporary Service) Regulations 1964 published in the Government Gazette nos. 19 and 20, Series I, of 10th and 17th August 1967 respectively and to regulations 11 and 12 of the same Regulations published in the Government Gazette nos. 6 and 7, Series I dated the 9th and 16th May 1968 respectively.

The amendments will be effective from the date of publication of this notification.

By order,

Shivakumar Dhindaw
Secretary

Mormugao, 17th October, 1968.

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